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Arcadia Citrus Program Kicks off this Saturday, January 24

PHOENIX (January 23, 2004) – The Arcadia district's NEIGHBORToNEIGHBOR campaign kicks off its 3rd annual citrus program TOMORROW, January 24 at the Elks Scottsdale Lodge. The goal is two-fold; helping those in need and ridding backyard's of the food best loved by roof rats.

Residents are given the opportunity each Saturday for 12 consecutive weeks to drop off their citrus. The citrus is sorted and donated to a variety of organizations such as the Hopi Tribe, Tabitha's Pantry, Scottsdale Senior Centers and Maricopa County Jails, Salt River Pima - Maricopa Reservation and the City of Guadalupe Community Action Program.

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In upcoming weeks, the Sheriff's Department will send to sort the citrus dropped off by residents. Due to the prison standoff in Buckeye, the sheriff will be unable to send inmates this first week.

The goal of the program is to donate 100 tons of citrus by April 10, 2004.

WHAT: Arcadia Citrus Collection and Roof Rat "Kill" Workshop

WHEN: Residents can drop off citrus from 8 a.m. – 12 p.m. every Saturday until April 10, 2004.

Commercial drop off from 8 a.m. – 10 a.m.

A roof rat "Kill" Workshop presented by Barry Paceley at 10 a.m.

WHERE: Elks Scottsdale Lodge, 6398 E. Oak Street, Scottsdale

For more information: Call 602-667-0366 or log on to www.paceley.net/n2n. The citrus program is a collaborative effort with partners representing Maricopa County, Arizona Department of Agriculture, City of Phoenix, City of Scottsdale and the Arcadia District's NEIGHBORToNEIGHBOR campaign. It was developed as a way to combat the roof rat problem in the Arcadia district.

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